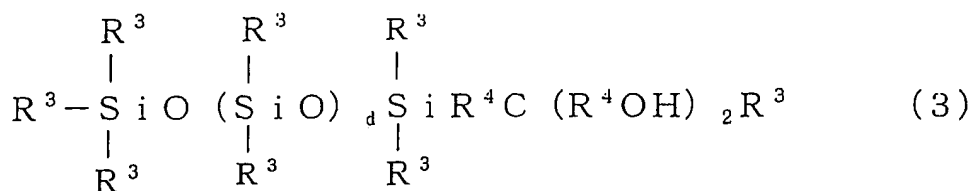
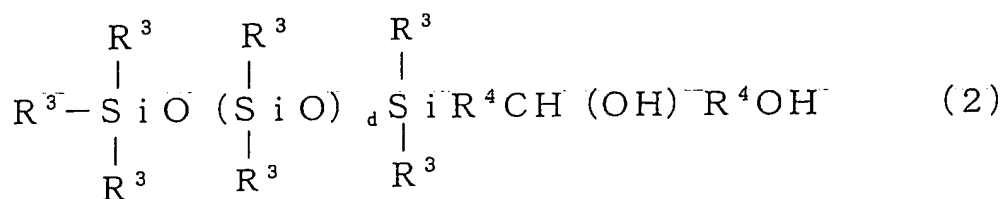


**AMENDED CLAIM SET:**

1. (currently amended) A dilatant fluid composition comprising:

(A) 100 parts by weight of an inorganic fine particle having a primary particle size of from 2 nm to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ ; ~~100 parts by weight~~

(B) 0.5 to 100 parts by weight of a particle dispersing agent ~~: 0.5 to 100 parts by weight~~  
which is a polysiloxane diol represented by the general formula (2) or (3)



wherein each  $\text{R}^3$  independently represents a  $\text{C}_{1-8}$  alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, each  $\text{R}^4$  independently represents a divalent group or a divalent substituent group having an ester bond or an ether bond, and d is an integer of  $1 \leq d \leq 1000$ ; and

(C) a siloxane ~~silicone~~ medium ~~: 5 to 1,000 parts by weight.~~

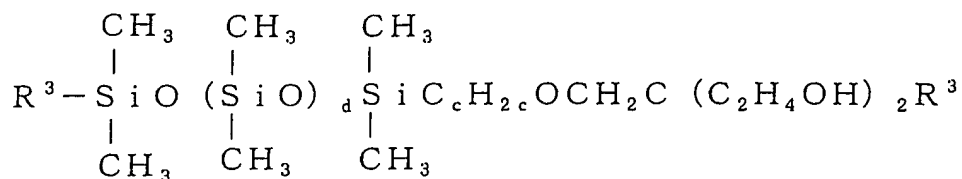
2. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

3. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is silica.

4. – 7. (cancelled).

8. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methylphenyl silicone oil.

9. (new) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 1, wherein the particle dispersing agent of component (B) is a silicone oil having a hydroxyl group at one terminal therefore represented by the formula



wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents a  $\text{C}_{1-8}$  alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms,  $c$  is an integer of  $2 \leq c \leq 5$ , and  $d$  is an integer of  $1 \leq d \leq 1000$ .

10. (new) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

11. (new) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9 or 10, wherein the inorganic fine particle of component (A) is silica.

12. (new) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein component (C) is a cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methylphenyl silicone oil.